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1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL (A), I SPOKE SEPARATELY WITH COMMISSIONERS HAFERKAMP AND ORTOLI AT STRASBOURG JUNE 15. BOTH WERE APPRECIATIVE OF US VIEWS. NATURALLY THEY AGREE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS. THEY ALSO WELCOME SUGGESTION THAT G-8 MIGHT BE MAINTAINED A KEY COORDINATING GROUP; HAFERKAMP ENTHUSIASTICALLY SAYING IN EFFECT "LET'S DO IT"; ORTOLI EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH, UNLESS CAREFULLY HANDLED, COULD BLOCK PROPOSAL. ON MEMBER STATE VIEWS, HAFERKAMP THOUGHT HE COULD PROVIDE US INFORMALLY A READING LATE THIS WEEK. ORTOLI WAS LESS CERTAIN SUFFICIENT TIME AVAILABLE TO HAVE GOOD READING
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BEFORE OECD MINISTERIAL.

2. ORTOLI, WHO WILL HEAD COMMISSION DELEGATION TO OECD MINISTERIAL, SAID CHEYSSON HAD BEEN HESITATING ABOUT ATTENDING BUT THAT IN LIGHT OF US INTENTIONS HOLD SIDE TALKS ON THESE IDEAS HE WAS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN CHEYSSON WOULD BE PRESENT. ORTOLI SUGGESTED BEST CHANCE OF ACHIEV-

ING OUR GOAL MIGHT LIE IN SIMPLY HOLDING FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF G-8 ON SIDE AT PARIS PERHAPS FOR "STOCK TAKING" HE WANTS TO AVOID, IF POSSIBLE, NEED FOR DECISION TO CONTINUE G-8, WHICH COULD REOPEN DIFFICULT ISSUE AMONG NINE. RATHER IF G-8 COULD JUST CONTINUE TO MEET FROM TIME TO TIME, IT MIGHT COME TO BE ACCEPTED WAY OF OPERATING ON ALL NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. HE SPECIFIED THAT THESE WERE TENTATIVE REACTIONS AND THAT HE MIGHT HAVE FURTHER VIEWS TO CONVEY AFTER EXPLORING MATTER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES

3. SOMEWHAT CURIOUSLY, BOTH HAUSERKAMP AND ORTOLI CLAIMED CREDIT FOR HAVING TAKEN INITIATIVE RESULTING IN COMMISSION DECISION TO CONTINUE INTERNAL, NORTH-SOUTH COORDINATION MECHANISM UNDER CASPARI.

4. I MENTIONED TO BOTH COMMISSIONERS THAT MORRIS WAS RAISING SAME MATTER IN BRUSSELS WITH CASPARI AND, BRIEFLY TO CHEYSSON. THEY AGREED THIS ALSO USEFUL AND HOPED BE IN POSITION GIVE FURTHER REACTION SOON. IN ANY CASE, PRESIDENT JENKINS IS LUNCHING WITH ME JUNE 20 AND WE MAY LEARN MORE THEN.

5. ON JUNE 17, HAUSERKAMP'S CHEF DE CABINET FROSCHMAIER CALLED DCM AND SAID COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAD TAKEN INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH FRG, FRENCH AND UK WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

A) FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY AGREES IN PRINCIPLE THAT G-8 SHOULD CONTINUE WITH EC SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE, AND IS CONFIDENTIAL

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B) FROMENT-MAURICE (FRANCE) THINKS CONTINUATION OF G-8 IS "BASICALLY GOOD IDEA," BUT BELIEVES THERE MUST BE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITHIN EC ABOUT WHO PARTICIPATES ON EC SIDE AND WHO SPEAKS FOR IT. ECHOING CASPARI'S VIEWS REPORTED REF (B), FROMENT-MAURICE BELIEVES G-8 SHOULD STAY IN BEING ONLY INFORMALLY, PERHAPS MEETING AT LUNCHEES OR DINNERS AS PROBLEMS COME UP IN ORDER AVOID FURTHER HASSLE WITH OTHER OECD MEMBERS. (FROSCHMAIER ALSO AGREES WITH THIS POINT.)

C) BUTLER (UK) AGREES EC SHOULD SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE IN CIEC FOLLOW-UP AND THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 29 AND 30 COULD CONFIRM THIS. (FROSCHMAIER SAID HE HAD PERSONAL MISGIVINGS ABOUT RAISING THIS WITH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SINCE EMERGING CONSENSUS TO CONTINUE G-8 WITH SINGLE EC REPRESENTATION COULD COME UNSTUCK AT THAT LEVEL.) HINTON

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